

## **Bay Fair BART TOD & Access Plan Community Meeting #3**

**Date of Meeting:** Saturday, March 3, 2007 (9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

**Project Team:** Tim Chan, Joe Kott, Jeff Tumlin, Brian Stokle, Clark Wilson, Danielle Wong

**Other Attendees:** BART - Director Bob Franklin, Val Menotti, Felix Marten, Bruno Peguese, Cindy Lee, Mike Hayes, June Garrett; City of San Leandro – Vice Mayor Surlene Grant, Councilmember Michael Gregory, Steve Hollister, Sally Barros, Hanson Hom, Tim Ricard and Pete Ballew; Alameda County – Kevin Dowling, Cindy Horvath, Marita Hawyrluk, Paul Liskey, Erik Gulseth; AC Transit – Director Rocky Fernandez, Nathan Landau; Bayfair Center – Cedric Young and Philip D'agostino

**Location:** Community Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (near Macy's), Bayfair Center, 15555 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, San Leandro, CA

### **Summary**

The meeting started with a 30 minute Open House. At the start of the presentation, Tim welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. Director Franklin, Director Fernandez, and Councilmember Gregory provided opening remarks. Sally, Marita and Cali from Urban Ecology provided planning updates. Tim presented the project overview, project goals, study context, community outreach, security and station area improvements, key issues and a list of questions for the public to consider when reviewing and commenting on the 3 alternative options. Clark then presented these options, along with placemaking and TOD examples. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session. The public was encouraged to ask questions, make verbal comments and/or submit email comments. Tim concluded with next steps, and Kevin, representing Supervisor Lai-Bitker, provided closing remarks.

The following summarizes comments received at the community meeting and via email.

### ***Residential***

- Eminent domain is still an issue with residents.
- Concerns about new higher density development because it will bring in bad elements.
- If development is going to occur, prefer condos over apartments. People who own their homes are more likely to take care of the area.
- BART should focus on transportation, not real estate development
- Show that revenue from development will be spent on station improvements.
- Need to bring jobs into the area and create job/housing balance.
- Show examples of how TOD projects have improved other neighborhoods (i.e. reducing crime, not reducing property value, integrated into existing neighborhoods).
- Show examples of TOD projects with a range of household types and in neighborhoods with residents of all ages.
- Would support TOD if the housing looked like those in Hayward.
- Concerns with investors buying in and renting out.
- Where is the money coming from to build housing?
- Excited about TOD and believes this needs to be done for sustainability.
- Development and Bayfair Center should consider safe recreation areas for kids and teens.
- Great to have more housing in the area, which will help with safety.

- How many people live will live in the proposed development?
- Placemaking: support elements that are eco-friendly, pedestrian friendly, attractive landscaping and well lit at night.
- I'm getting the impression there's a project that BART and Bayfair owners are pushing but we're not seeing.

## **Retail**

- How do we avoid repeat mistakes like Fruitvale where retail hasn't done so well?
- How much new retail in Downtown Hayward even though they've promoted TOD?

## **Access**

- Speeding issues in the neighborhoods adjacent to BART and poor traffic design.
- Would like to see better circulation and signage.
- Diagonal circulation is preferred option.
- Urban greenway could invite crime.
- Need to address ADA issues.
- Will "Key Way" keep or eliminate the blind turn behind the theaters?
- Increase AC Transit service after BART closes.
- Increase AC Transit express service.
- Restripe the parking lots, especially on the west side since it is painted in the opposite direction of where people are walking from Hesperian and Colby to the station.

## **Parking**

- Need to provide parking for regional BART patrons.
- Shared parking garage at Bayfair could help support mall retail.
- Shared parking garage on Bayfair site is too far from station.
- Consider a people mover from shared parking garage to station.
- How many parking spaces will the shared garages have in Option 2?

## **Security**

- Security is a significant concern.
- How do we avoid security issues (i.e. homelessness) like those at Fruitvale?

## **Service**

- Will new riders from TOD also be subsidized?
- Need to expand BART service to accommodate new riders. Need more room on trains.

## **Other Issues**

- Can you direct me to a website where we can obtain more information on this matter?
- What does social equality mean?
- Reduce the number of speakers giving opening remarks.
- What school district are we in?
- Trash at Coelho intersection.